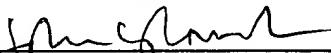


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In re Application of:)
Rorex, Phillip G. et al.)
Serial No. 09/575,894) Examiner: Pham, Khanh B.
Filing Date: May 22, 2000) Group Art Unit No. 2177
For METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR)
IDENTIFYING RELATED SEARCHES IN)
A DATABASE SEARCH SYSTEM)

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May, 9, 2003 and having a period for response set to expire on September 9, 2003 as extended by the enclosed Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawing on page 13 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 14 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 20 of this paper.